

TIMING ON APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR NEW BUILDING

The Bureau of the Budget has indicated that it may be advisable for us to delay submission of our request for the remainder of our funds until January, 1957.

Principal Arguments in Favor of January Submission:

Justification must be in the hands of the Bureau of the Budget on or about 7 May. This will be a most difficult deadline to make for us, as well as Harrison & Abramovits.

Harrison & Abramovits' contract will call for completion of working drawings in March, 1957. Following that it will take from 6 to 12 weeks to award a contract. In other words, we could not expect to award a contract prior to June, 1957, and we have adequate funds available to carry us up to that point.

There will be a first supplemental request going to the Congress in January, and it is reasonable to assume that it would be acted upon in ample time to meet our requirements. Hence, there would be no delay in our over-all program.

January submission would permit more careful planning by the architect, as well as ourselves, in sharp contrast to what will be possible with a 7 May deadline.

Principal Arguments in Favor of a May, 1956 Submission:

Our project has momentum which will suffer if we delay until January.

We have told several key members of the Congress that we would be coming back with a request for our building. Believe that they are in the mood to approve of the remainder of our appropriation now.

With elections this Fall we will face a new Congress and cannot be certain that our request will be viewed as sympathetically as it is now.

Regardless of the fact that the delay has been caused by long, drawn-out negotiations with the WOPC, our difficulties with GSA, etc., the Congress is likely to blame us.

Opposition to the Langley site will have that much more time to get organized for any protest presentation they want to make, and those elements of Virginia, Maryland, and the District who want to tack on the cost of additional roads, bridges, etc., will also be better organized and could allege that the over-all traffic situation, which is getting worse, was due to anticipation of the completion of the CIA building.

Construction at the Langley, Virginia, site and the transfer of jurisdiction over the building site by the Bureau of Public Roads and the National Park Service are acceptable, provided CIA obtains definite written assurances from the local authorities that the construction of sewerage and water facilities will be undertaken by them to the site boundaries without cost to the Federal Government.

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